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CIA is increasingly concerned over persistence of accusations that it has been involved in Ben Barka incident. It has analyzed press and other sources of these baseless reports which point to concerted Communist campaign to smear CIA. It believes, therefore, official GOF denial of any involvement of US intelligence services in Ben Barka affair could be most useful in laying these charges at rest.

In view of CIA's concern and if you think it useful, suggest Embassy approach GOF re some form of public denial of CIA involvement along lines Pompidou reportedly made off the record to pressmen (Embtel 4435).

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